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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALAZAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL FRAZER & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.
PARIS AND EUROPE.—GALINN & PARIS, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WINE, 21, Park Row.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.
SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAVILE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSSEN & CO., Manila.
CHINA.—MACAO, MESSRS A. A. DE MELLO & CO., Sweetow, QUELCH & CO., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., Foochow, HEDDIE & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,400,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$ 400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COUNT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—P. McEWEN, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSOON.
C. D. BOTTONLEY, M. GROTH, Esq.
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Hongkong,...THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai,...EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drugs granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE
RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.
2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
3.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.
4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relatives, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the sum is presented with ten cents, the depositor will be entitled to withdraw it.
6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.
8.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to the Bank, who will enter them, and provide a copy up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registers, Letters containing Sums, or other Remittances, and generally correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

J. C. AYER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

Agents for HONGKONG, CHINA AND MANILA,
A. S. WATSON & CO.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Act 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.

" 6 " 4 1/2 " "

" 12 " 5 1/2 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1550

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE Admitted Mr. NOORMAHMED JAIRAZBHOY PEERBOY, as a PARTNER in my Firms, carried on at BOMBAY, HONGKONG and SHANGHAI, in my own Name, from Kartak Sood 1st Swant Year, 1941 (10th October, 1884), and the said Firm will henceforth be designated and carried on under the Style of "JAIRAZBHOY PEERBOY & CO".

JAIRAZBHOY PEERBOY.

Bombay, November 10, 1884. 2039

NOTICE.

WITH Reference to the above, Mr. JAIRAZBHOY KHETSEY is authorized to sign our Firms in China from this date.

JAIRAZBHOY PEERBOY & CO.

Hongkong, December 8, 1884. 2060

Intimations.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

IT is requested that ALL BILLS in connection with the above Ball be sent in to the Hon. TREASURER as early as convenient, in Order that the ACCOUNTS may be CLOSED as soon as possible.

H. M. THOMSETT,
Hon. Treasurer,
St. George's Ball.
Hongkong, December 20, 1884. 2146

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPAÑIA NAVIERA DE FILIPINAS OF MANILA are requested to communicate with the Undersigned.

DUNN, MELBY & CO.

Hongkong, December 13, 1884. 2100

NOTICE.

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PLATA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
CORK JACKETS, &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with approval of the Consulting Committee, will, on 1st January, 1885, issue INTEREST WARRANTS of 5% per Share, payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, the same being at the rate of 10% per annum on the Paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1884, and notice is hereby given that in order that the same may be adjusted, the Transfer Books of the Office will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

Hongkong, December 13, 1884. 2102

NOTICE.

D. K. GRIFFITH & CO.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON
MATERIALS WATERS,

Have REMOVED from the BEACONFIELD
ARCADE to larger Premises
1, DUDDLE STREET,

Where they continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE,
TONIC, GINGERADE,
SEZILO, RASPBERRYADE,
SARSAPARILLA, &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.

D. K. GRIFFITH,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, July 28, 1884. 1246

HAIR

Possesses a vitality of its own that often outlives the rest of the physical organism. More frequently, however, either through disease, inherent weakness, or age, it falls off, turns gray, or fades away.

Ayer's Hair Vigor is also a

Toilet Luxury

Superior to all other preparations for the dressing of the hair. It imparts pliancy, alken softness, lustre and luxuriance of growth, and not only cures the Head, but the whole Body, the Skin, the Hair, the Nails, etc., but averts them, and preserves the pristine freshness, color, and lustre to faded and gray hair.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

DELICACIES

NEW YEAR DINNERS.

COSAQUES & CRACKERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2189

W. POWELL & CO.

THIS WEEK ONLY.

FOR CASH.

GENTLEMEN'S BLACK AND DRAB FELT HATS, slightly damaged, 50 Cents and \$1.00 each,—usual price, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each.

GENTLEMEN'S LAVENDER AND PRIMROSE KID GLOVES, slightly damaged, 50 Cents per pair; 3 pairs for \$1.00—usual price, \$1.00 per pair.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, 25 Cents per dozen,—usual price, 10 Cents each.

RECEIVED THIS DAY (by English Mail), LADIES' 2 1/4, 6 8-BUTTON KID GLOVES, BLACK, COLOURED AND WHITE, in splendid condition.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, December 22, 1884. 2151

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

THIS EVENING,

27th December, 1884.

'THE SNOWDROPS.'

(By Special Desire),

will give them.

SECOND GRAND ETHIOPIAN DRAWING-ROOM ENTERTAINMENT.

COMMENCING AT 9 P.M.

Tickets may be obtained and Seats secured at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., on and after Monday, 22nd Instant.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.

Back Seats, \$1.

Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2132

PRICES OF SALE.

As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 26, 1884. 2170

STEAMSHIP KWANTUNG.

NOTICE OF AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, in One Lot, for the Benefit of the Cope-

red.

AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M. ON

TUESDAY,

the 30th of December, on the Premises of

the Undersigned, at Fochow,—

THE STE

THE CHINA MAIL

[No. 6685.—DECEMBER 27, 1884.]

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSARIAT),
ARE NOW
LANDING FROM AMERICA.

FRESH ROLL BUTTER.
TOPCAN. D. C.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
COTERISH, Boneless.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Bacon Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF in 5 lb. cans.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb. cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb. cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.

Richardson Robbins' Celebrated Foited MEATS.

Lamb TONGUES.
Clam CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
SUCCOTASH.
Maple SYRUP.
Ginger SYRUP.
Cracked WHEAT.
HOMINY.
HONEY.
Queen OLIVES.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

DEVÖE'S NONPAREIL KEROSINE OIL.

K A I S A R - I - H I N D' CIGARETTES
in crystallized Boxes of 100 at 85.50 per mille.

SPORTING AND RIFLE GUNPOWDER
in 1-lb. Tins.

AGATE IRON WARE.
INSERTION RUBBER.
TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.

HOLMES' DISTRESS SIGNALS.
HITCHCOOK HOUSE LAMPS.
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMPS.

PAINTS and OILS.
TALLOW and TAR.
PITCH and ROSIN.

Ex late Arrivals from
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
S T O R E S,
including:

CHRISTMAS CAKES.
PLUM PUDDING.
MINCE MEAT.
CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS.

PUDGING RAISINS.
CURRANTS.
FIGS.
CANDIED PEEL.

Fine YORK HAMS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.
FRENCH PLUMS.
TEYSSEUR'S DESSERT FRUITS.
JORDAN ALMONDS.

COOKING STOVES.

PARLOUR STOVES.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.
RED GRAVES, " "
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—
SACCONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SACCONE'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
COVOURNIE'S BRANDY.
FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S LI'L WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENLEE WHISKY.
BOURBON'S OLD IRISH WHISKY.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
NODDY FAIR & CO.'S VERMOUTH.
JORDAN'S WHISKY.

MARSALA.
EASTERN CIDER.
CHARTREUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SONS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BRACE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 oz. Boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIREPROOF
SAFES, GASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 10, 1884. 2127 Sugar Debentures, 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

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FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, NINGPO, TIENSIN,
NEWCHWAING, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTSEKE.)

The Steamship
Marjorie,
Captain Lutz, will be
despatched for the above
Port on MONDAY, the 20th Instant, at
10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2128

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT
SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CAL-
CUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS,
ODESSA, and the
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Pardona,
Captain G. METTEL, will be
despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 20th Instant, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2125

FOR YOKOHAMA.
The Steamship
Mesalia,
Capt. G. PETERSEN, will be
despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 20th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2127

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports
on the YANGTSEKE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Felicity,
Captain Hou, will be
despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 20th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2122

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports
on the YANGTSEKE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Feeling,
Captain Hou, will be
despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 20th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2126

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship
Thales,

Captain Pocock, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on TUESDAY, the 30th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2122

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports
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Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2122

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.

Vessels.

Captain.

Agents.

Date of Leaving.

Anoy.

Cebbes (s).

de Haan.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

December 30, at noon.

Havre, &c., via Suez Canal.

Electra (s).

Nagel.

Siemsen & Co.

About December 29.

Huohou, &c., via Suez Canal.

Cambridge (s).

Lindemann.

Siemsen & Co.

About Jan. 10, 1885.

London, via Suez Canal.

Ceylon.

Russell & Co.

quick despatch.

London, &c., via Suez Canal.

Mandates (s).

Nelson.

Butterfield & Swire.

December 28.

London, &c., via Suez Canal.

Flintshire (s).

Dancaster.

Adamson, Bell & Co.

About Jan. 1, 1885.

London, &c., via Suez Canal.

Glenavon (s).

Donaldson.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

January 6, at 4 p.m.

London, &c., via Suez Canal.

Sutte (s).

A. H. Johnson.

P. & O. S. N. Co.

December 29, at 10 p.m.

Natal (s).

Diamond (s).

Poynton.

Messagers Maritimes.

January 6, at 10 p.m.

San Francisco, via Yokohama.

City of Rio de Janeiro (s).

Lunt.

Russell & Co.

December 29.

Shanghai.

Foeksang (s).

Hogg.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

December 29, at 10 p.m.

Shanghai.

W. Potts.

Siemsen & Co.

December 28, at daylight.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

Foeksang (s).

Harris.

December 30, at daylight.

Trieste, &c.

Pandora (s).

G. Mettel.

December 29, at noon.

Victoria (British Columbia).

Nanaimo.

Dodd.

December 29, at noon.

Yokohama.

Mansall (s).

THE CHINA MAIL.

TELEGRAMS.

THE GERMAN ANNEXATION AND THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

In response to the invitation of the Government of Victoria to protest against the annexation by Germany of the South Pacific Islands, the Governments of Tasmania and Queensland have expressed their willingness to protest, while New South Wales and South Australia decline to agree to do so.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED CANAL.—*Castello*, Nov. 28; *Ljennah*, Dec. 16.

The next FRENCH MAIL, by the M. M. Co.'s steamer *Ariadne*, passed Capo St. James on Thursday, the 26th inst., at 8 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here on or about Tuesday, the 30th instant.

The next AMERICAN MAIL, by the P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the next American mail, left Yokohama on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at daylight, and may be expected to arrive here on or about Tuesday, the 30th instant.

The next ENGLISH MAIL, by the P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Santos*, left Singapore on Friday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 2nd January.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Tokio*, with American mail, left San Francisco on the 26th inst. for Yokohama and this port.

The S. S. *Bendarig* left Singapore for this port on the 19th inst.

The S. S. *Glencoe* left Singapore for this port on the 21st instant.

The S. S. *Nestor* left Singapore for this port on the 26th instant.

The Italian man-of-war *Vetor Pisani* left the harbour to-day for Shanghai.

Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us that the steamer *Taiping*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port to-day.

The Tasmania, with the next English mail, left Singapore for Hongkong on Friday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m.

THE Russian man-of-war *Mirna Raskopnik*, and *Oprichtnik* arrived at Yokohama on the 14th inst. from Nagasaki.

We acknowledge receipt, with thanks, of a copy of the *Biographia de Polycarpo da Costa*, by Mr J. M. de Jesus.

EIGHTY-SIX invalided or time expired French soldiers and sailors were brought down from Keelung by the M. M. steamer *Menzel*, which arrived to-day.

YESTERDAY morning a party of Water Police, in one of the police steam launches, succeeded in capturing a gang of pirates on board a junk, about three miles outside Green Island. Information was received by the police to the effect that the crew of the piratical craft had attacked a trading junk named the *Su-lee*, during the previous night, and stolen property to the value of some \$850. The fifteen men who were arrested on board the junk were brought up before the magistrate at the Police Court this morning and charged with piratically attacking the *Su-lee*, or the high seas, and stealing therefrom property to the value of \$850. Four other men, who are believed to have disposed of the plunder taken from the *Su-lee*, were charged with receiving part of the property, well knowing it to be stolen. Mr F. H. O. Wilson prosecuted, on behalf of the owner of the *Su-lee*, and Mr Mossop appeared for three of the defendants charged with receiving the goods. No evidence was taken this morning, the case being remanded till Wednesday next. The three defendants represented by Mr Mossop were allowed out on bail of \$500 each.

SERVICES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FOR TOMORROW.—1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY.

Cathedral.—8 a.m.—Parade Service, Morning Prayer and Sermon. Rev. J. B. Ost.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Holy Communion, The Colonial Chaplain.
3.30 p.m.—Children's Service, The Colonial Chaplain.
5.45 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon, The Colonial Chaplain.

St. Peter's Church.—5 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon, Rev. J. B. Ost.
St. Stephen's Church (all Services in Chinese).—11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, &c., Revs. J. B. Ost and Fong Yat-Sau.
6.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon, Revs. J. B. Ost and Fong Yat-Sau.

READ-ADMIRAL Niue has, says the Japan Gazette of the 17th instant, been ordered to China waters via Korea with the Taku-fuan and Kung-kan.

THE Mainichi Shimbun states that there are only four companies (of forty men each) of Japanese soldiers in Korea, one at Inchon and the other at Seoul. The only available force therefore at the disposal of the Legation is about a hundred and twenty men.

Just as we went to press last night (Monday), the proprietor of this paper received a summons from the Metropolitan Police Bureau, and on a deputy being sent to the station, he was verbally instructed that any report concerning the Korean affair, even in the form of a rumour, must not be published without the sanction of the Foreign Office. We accordingly submitted all our proofs to the inspection of the Foreign Office, who ordered the removal of some items. Hence the lateness of this morning's publication.—*Nichi Nichi Shinban*.

THE Chikayu-ken, a Japanese man-of-war now under construction in England being complete except in her internal fittings, is expected to arrive in Japan in March or April next.

It is with much regret we learn, says the Amoy Gazette of the 19th inst., of the probably fatal accident to Captain Hemmingsen of the British barque *Angle Indian*, lying in this harbour. At about 10 o'clock last night Captain Hemmingsen fell overboard by some false step, or other, and though every assistance was at hand, the a.m. *Tenshi* hearing his outcry having sent off a gig at once, unfortunately nobody succeeded in rescuing him. Nothing has been heard of him yet, and it is to be feared that he is drowned. Captain Hemmingsen is known as a most sober man and is deeply missed by his many friends.

A SYSTEM of compulsory insurance is to be inaugurated in Germany December 1st, under which the benefits to be derived by the sick or disabled workmen are gratuitous medical attendance, medicines and appliances, and after the third day a money allowance equal to half the daily wages, so long as it does not exceed 75 cents per day for thirteen weeks. In case of death, a burial allowance will be made, amounting to one-third the daily average wages in the locality. It is expected that the local authorities throughout the empire will give hearty cooperation to the scheme, as its effect will be to keep down pauperism.—*Philadelphia Ledger*.

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The Tasmania, with the next English mail, left Singapore for Hongkong on Friday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m.

THE Russian man-of-war *Mirna Raskopnik*, and *Oprichtnik* arrived at Yokohama on the 14th inst. from Nagasaki.

We acknowledge receipt, with thanks, of a copy of the *Biographia de Polycarpo da Costa*, by Mr J. M. de Jesus.

EIGHTY-SIX invalided or time expired French soldiers and sailors were brought down from Keelung by the M. M. steamer *Menzel*, which arrived to-day.

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THE HAND AS INDICATING CHARACTER.

Smooth-fingered persons have all a humor more or less artistic; even those in whom the fingers terminate *spatulately* or *scutoidly*, they will proceed always by inspiration, rather than by reasoning; by phantasy and sentiment, rather than by knowledge.

To large hands belong the spirit of minute and of detail; Frederic I. of Prussia, surmised the King Corporal, had large hands. The poets say the same of Moses; and Domitian, whose hands were enormous, amused himself with killing flies.

To moderate-sized hands belongs the synopic spirit—that is, the conception of the details and of the whole; such were those of Waller Scott, Montesquieu, Tasso, Racine, Cornille, West, Leibnitz, &c.

Some hands show better what the intelligence to what they belong is unfit for that for what they do; if they are fit for us anticipates, but say nothing of us.

Many persons have merely the defects of their type.

Most correct and learned musicians have square-formed fingers; but, more instruction or execution belong rather to the spatula-formed fingers, and singing especially to the pointed. Musicians, such as they are, abound amongst mathematicians and algebraists; they weigh the sounds by numbers better than others. Long, external phantasies indicate a quick taste and aptitude for music.

A subtle and disputatious spirit is connected with small hands, having delicate fingers; knotted and square phantasies, a desire for controversy raises them before the eyes; and such, no doubt, were the hands of the miserable traitors who governed Greece in her closing struggle with the barbaric East; under the very sword of Mahomet they engaged in the disputes of incomprehensible trifles, abstractions, theological follies; thus deserting their country, not from a want of courage, but from sheer supineness.

When small and slender hands form the in-joint, they show natural decrepitude; large palms and hand and index fingers precise, on the other hand, at the early development of masonry. They build pyramids, Cyclopean walls, &c.; they worship Feathers.

Look at the engineer or land surveyor, who follows a profession to which he has been called by nature; who seems to delight in squares and triangles, and trapezoids; look at his hand, with its squared or spatula-formed fingers.

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